

28. (Amended) A process [as claimed in any one of] according to claim[s] 1 [to 27], wherein the fouling environment is an aquatic environment.

29. (Amended) A process [as claimed in] according to claim 28, wherein the fouling environment is a marine environment.

30. (Amended) A substrate in a fouling environment and bearing a coating and a cured fouling-inhibiting layer thereon, more especially a cured polysiloxane layer, formed by a process [as defined in any one of] according to claim[s] 1 [to 29].

IN THE ABSTRACT

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A process for inhibiting the fouling of a substrate in a fouling environment, which comprises forming on the substrate, before exposure to the environment, a coating comprising a film-forming polymer (A) carrying unreacted curable silicon-containing functional groups providing latent reactivity, and thereafter applying a layer comprising a curable polymeric fouling-inhibiting material (B), more especially a curable polysiloxane or a curable fluorine-containing polymer, and bonding the applied layer to the coating by a condensation curing reaction involving the unreacted functional groups thereon. The initial coating can be applied over a range of worn or damaged anti-fouling coatings. The sequential application of layers is a simpler, more flexible and more controllable procedure than is offered by complex systems designed to produce outer siloxane-rich regions. Relatively long periods are achievable.--
